

- **Full Service Gas Bar**  
7 Days A Week  
Plus Premium & Diesel
- **Propane** • **Car Wash**  
Downtown Morris



Convenience Store, Snacks, Coffee,  
Cold drinks, **Lottery, Video Sales &  
Rentals**, and more.

746-2602

**Sun-Valley Co-op Morris**

# Morris Mirror



**Daniel Orlikow**  
Attorney-At-Law

Ph. (204) 981-7666

115 Railroad Ave E  
Morris  
204-746-7466

Visit us online  
[www.morrismirror.com](http://www.morrismirror.com)

*Complimentary—Enjoy!*

**Supporting The Local Economy**

Monday  
January 14, 2013



**SEE US  
FOR ALL  
YOUR  
PRESCRIPTIONS**



**SENIOR DAYS IS ON TUESDAY**

**SUPER THRIFTY**  
DRUG MARTS

WE CARE....Your Family Drug Store & A Whole Lot More

746-2542

MAIN ST. MORRIS

[valpharm@mts.net](mailto:valpharm@mts.net)

Check out our large  
selection of grocery  
items, toys and games,  
health & beauty,  
sundry items  
and more.

## OPEN HOUSE

# Share Your Views

concerning the Hydraulic Impact Assessment project for PTH 75

The Manitoba government invites you to attend an open house to learn more about the PTH 75 Hydraulic Impact Assessment project. This session will help to explain and address potential changes that may occur as a result of raising PTH 75 and other infrastructure upgrades. This is your opportunity to share your views about this important project. The open house will be held at the:

Southern Manitoba Convention Centre  
Morris, MB

Wednesday, January 16, 2013  
4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information about the PTH 75 Hydraulic Impact Assessment project, please call Ron Kaatz at 204-945-0322.



## FEATURING OUR WINTER SPECIALS

**Mondays:** 15% off ALL Senior Menu Meals

**Tuesdays:** Steak & Fries **\$9.95**

**Wednesdays:** Burger & Beer **\$5.95**  
(reg. beer or shot)

**Thursdays:** Cook Your Own 10 oz New York Steak  
(includes baked potato & garlic toast)

Served from 5pm to 9pm **\$9.95**

**Fridays & Saturdays:** Steak Fry Buffet  
(5pm to 9pm)



746-2222

355 Main St. Morris

**KARAOKE  
FRIDAYS  
9:30 to closing**

**Gift Cards  
Now available**

# 2012 - Year in Review

The Morris Mirror began its first front page story of 2012 with “Café close to opening” with Cruisers restaurant in Downtown Morris being no more, having closed down during the Christmas holidays. The location is re-opening as Charlotte’s Café, having undergone a major metamorphosis in the last few weeks.

The front page of the same January issue had “Morris gets a new auto dealer” with Petroni opening his doors on Main Street in downtown Morris and the “Newsmaker of the year” for 2011 was van der Linde. Gavin van der Linde, in his capacity as Mayor of the Town of Morris was front and centre during the good and bad times, a bit controversial, although not always of his own making.

**January 30th - Real estate sales stay hot** - Sales of real estate in and around the Morris area were much better than normal this past December and January, in part, due to the mild weather....

**Dollar store, looking at Morris** - The former building of the barber shop on Charles Street, was recently purchased by Gordon Young and a dollar-type store was

ready to move in and set up shop.

**February 13 - Station Street to be paved** - Two of the highlights were: It was resolved that Council request a Grant-In-Aid funding the Station Street (Station Street to Montreal Avenue approximately 400m) Asphalt Concrete Paving (100mm) for an approximate cost of \$250,000.00.

“Whereas it is deemed necessary and in the best interest of the Town of Morris to provide a financial assistance grant to Rempel Insurance for the construction of new building along Man Street and for the promotion of economic growth in the commercial sector....

**February 27th - Meeting coming on special services levy** - Council is proposing to remove a portion of the General Levy for police and fire cost and establish a special service tax to provide funding for Police and Fire Protection Services.

**“It was a bad week for Public Safety Minister Vic Toews....as juicy divorce and a quick re-marriage and baby, were leaked by hackers over last week’s introduction of Bill C-30.**

*Cont’d on page 5*



**Mavis Taillieu, MLA**

5423A Portage Ave.

Headingley, MB R4H 1E5

Ph. (204) 832-6633

Fax: (204) 832-6833

Email: mavis.taillieu@leg.gov.mb.ca

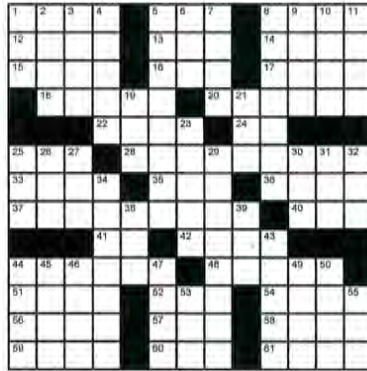
Web: www.mavistaillieu.com

**Working for the communities in the  
Morris Constituency**



**Across**

1. Questions
5. Harry Potter to Lily Evans
8. Igloo, for example
12. Emailed
13. Lonely number
14. Opposite of 60 Across
15. It grows on you
16. Cut grass
17. Fill a dog's dish
18. Look at intently
20. They have sleeves
22. Animal feet
24. With 41 Across, keen on
25. Fedora, e.g.
28. Spoke quietly
33. It's pumped in a gym
35. Social insect
36. "I \_\_ ya!" (challenge)
37. Lounge in an airport
40. Lie in the sun
41. See 24 Across
42. Burn the surface of
44. Small trees
48. Come up
51. Take a trip around
52. Mighty tree
54. Uses a shovel



56. Famous singer Fitzgerald
  57. Tell a tall tale
  58. Rim
  59. Open a banana
  60. Opposite of 14 Across
  61. Take five
- Down**
1. Fire leftover
  2. Oceans
  3. Make a sweater, perhaps
  4. Guitar holder
  5. Sort of
  6. Yoko \_\_
  7. Reporter's offering
  8. Gave the meaning of a word
  9. Above
  10. Get together
  11. Finishes
  19. Not cooked
  21. \_\_ Hop
  23. Cavity in the head
  25. With 50 Down, what one did for Easter, maybe
  26. " \_\_ we there yet?"
  27. Apex
  29. Made like a comet
  30. Remy, the chef, is one
  31. Period in history
  32. Fox's home
  34. Not synthetic
  38. Steal
  39. Hole in the head
  43. Ghost (Johnny Blaze)
  44. " \_\_ on it!" (hurry up)
  45. Golfer's target
  46. Be king, say
  47. Alone
  49. Border
  50. See 25 Down
  53. Band- \_\_
  55. Sun \_\_ (day's end)



*Brought  
to you  
by your*

**Morris BIGWAY  
Foods**

## MoTown On Main

**Featuring Complete Auto Repairs.  
GREAT SELECTION OF PREMIUM  
USED VEHICLES.**

**23½Hr Towing Ph. 712-8000**

*Full Autobody &  
Collision Service  
at*

**746-6488**

144 Charles St. E., Morris



Manitoba  
Public Insurance

**746-6888**

117 Main Street, Morris

**Check out our  
website at**

**www.motownmotors.ca**

## The great specials continue!

**Mondays is Burger Night \$5.50**

**Tuesdays is 3 piece chicken dinner \$8.95**

*(with fries or onion rings and coleslaw)*

**Wednesdays - Pasta Night \$6.50**

**Thursdays Shrimp or Fish \$9.95**

*(Above specials available from 5pm to 8pm)*

**FRIDAYS & SUNDAYS: LUNCH BUFFET \$9.95**

*(Includes tea, coffee or pop) from 11:30 to 2:00 pm only*

**ABOVE SPECIALS DINE IN ONLY**

## SANTA LUCIA HOTEL

**See us for Happy  
Hour!**

**Saturday night is  
Ladies Night**

**"Home of UFC"**

**COLD BEER TAKE OUT**

**746-2335**



**SANTA  
LUCIA  
PIZZA**



**DINE IN TAKE OUT**

# Morris Mirror

...our Point of View

"The words that affect us most are the ones that inspire mankind to think for themselves" - Reed Turcotte (1991)



**Thumbs Up** - to the winter of 2012/2013 in Morris, so far, so good especially when you put us against the rest of Canada. The snow has been minimal. In the Okanagan of B.C. where we visited for awhile, the snow has fallen in record levels and the sun was seen only for half a day out of the last month.



**Thumbs Up** - to the progressive liquor laws in Manitoba. Again in relation to B.C., 0.5 is the law and most officers have a hand held device that registers even the slightest bit of alcohol in your system. One drink will have you out of your vehicle for 24 hours and up to a \$600 bill to get your car back. The restaurants and bars in the West Coast are in big trouble due to these new insane laws instigated by MADD.



**Thumbs Down** - to Canada's native community and those of Manitoba who are demanding unrealistic expectations of the government and who in some cases are acting like terrorists in their own country. Indians/Natives want it all but corruption and laziness prevent some of them from working for it.



**Thumbs Up** - to the 2013 Winter Mayhem to be held in Morris on February 9th at the SMCC. This sounds like a solid community event that can bring us all aboard for some great family fun. We will have more on this event in our next issue.

BEFORE THEY WERE PARTIALLY WIPED OUT BY WHITE MEN'S DISEASES, THE CANADIAN INDIAN HAD A HIGHLY EVOLVED SOCIETY BUILT AROUND THE WORLD'S FIRST CELL PHONE.



Emails & letters to the Editor  
[morrismirror@hotmail.com](mailto:morrismirror@hotmail.com)

## Making Morris more tolerable

Dear editor:

Thanks for making life in Morris more tolerable by publishing the *Morris Mirror*. I look forward to seeing your first 2013 edition.

Lorraine, I want to let

you know I used your tourtiere recipe to make this traditional French-Canadian dish, and it turned out great, baked to luscious golden brown.

I.J. Kroeker

THE BOUNDARY CREEK PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO. LTD.

(est. 1896) operating as **Morris Mirror**

Box 694, #4-116 Main St.

Morris, Manitoba R0G1K0

Phone: (204) 746-2115

e-mail: [morrismirror@hotmail.com](mailto:morrismirror@hotmail.com) or [bctimes1@hotmail.com](mailto:bctimes1@hotmail.com)

website: [www.morrismirror.com](http://www.morrismirror.com)

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & PUBLISHER: *Reed Turcotte*

MANAGING EDITOR & V.P. FINANCE: *Lorraine Ayotte-Turcotte*

We reserve the right to edit letters and the decision to publish or not to publish is completely at the discretion of the Editor and Publisher. All letters and commentaries must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. We will not print "name withheld" letters, or letters or commentaries that have appeared in other publications or contain personal attacks, derogatory comments, promote violence, racism or sexism. Opinions in this newspaper are not necessarily those of the advertisers and all articles are property of The Boundary Creek Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd.

Display advertising deadline:  
Thursday 11am



# 2012 - Morris Mirror's year in review

*Cont'd from page 2*

**March 5 - Morris awash in awards** - At the recent annual Pembina Valley Tourism Gala Awards Night, Morris citizens received a number of awards. The Town of Morris and Rosenort tied for 3rd place in the People's Choice for Best Community. Other local winners included Tim Lewis and the Manitoba Stampede with the Award of Distinction.

**March 19th - It's a warm one in Morris** - The weather this past week was the news of the week by all in Manitoba. Here in the Morris area, the sun came out Saturday, March 10th with highs around 10 degrees and Sunday hitting the 11's with a low of 4.4....

**April 2nd - Heavy agenda greets Council** - Many housing starts in Morris and seniors meeting well attended with 4 committing out of 8 units. The Winnipeg Free Press was doing a piece on Morris which ran March 24th. **\$ store and much more on its way to Morris** and construction is taking place at Laura's Reflexology on Main Street....

**May 2nd - Boxing & Christ come together under this Morris roof** - The YFC Morris boxing Club was founded in May of 2011 in conjunction with the Morris Youth For Christ....

**May 21st - They're on their way?** - Valley Ag didn't want them but they still wanted in Morris any-

ways and now it's official, or sort of, **Tim Hortons** is most likely coming to Morris.

**Food Bank needs help** - The Morris Food Bank has thirty-five percent more customers (users) than last year according to Pat Rempel....

**June 15th- 5 years of loving Morris** - On Friday June 1st and Saturday June 2nd, there were two amazing days of volunteerism on display in the Town of Morris. And to top it all off, the weather was gorgeous! What is "Love Morris"?.....

**Class of 2012 - High School Grad Pics...**

**June 29th- Legion golf tournament to save building** - The Morris Legion and Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting their first annual golf tournament on August 25th at the River-view golf course.

**September 3rd- The new boom town of Manitoba is called Morris** - Growth has been taking place everywhere in Morris during the summer of 2012. The little prairie town is booming with lots of growth going on in residential and commercial projects. Shortly the downtown highway construction will be finished and our town will have the finest, most modern Main Street, boulevards and sidewalks of any place, anywhere.

**September 17th- Religion in Morris is big big business** - A lot of good people are doing a lot of good things by giving big

dollars, driven by their faith....

**Customers gave in a "big way"** - Customers of Bigway Foods in Morris raised \$1,221.67 with their recent Top-Up-At-The-Till campaign....



Tim Lewis

**Volunteer of the Year Award** - Tim Lewis was recognized as a finalist in this category for his commitment to Manitoba's only professional rodeo, the Manitoba Stampede

**October 15th - Morris Hwy. 75 completed** - The Honourable Greg Selinger, Premier of Manitoba, and the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety and Member of Parliament for Provencher, announced the completion of work to upgrade Highway 75 through the Town of Morris, including intersection improvements, new lighting and sidewalks as well as enhanced drainage....

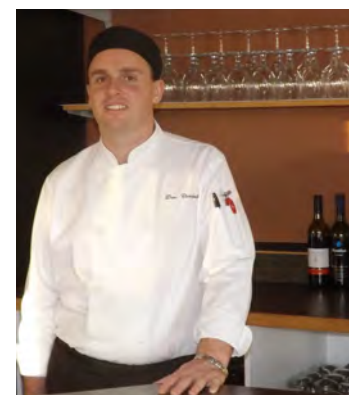
**November 19th - Schmitke new Chamber president** - The Morris and District Chamber of Commerce recently held it's annual AGM.



Incoming Morris & District Chamber of Commerce President Pat Schmitke presenting Taso Simeonidis of Santa Lucia with Community Contribution Award

The new executive for 2013 are Pat Schmitke - President; Bruce Third as Vice-President; Susan Chartier as Treasurer. The Directors are Lisa Wiebe for Advertising and Promotions; Ed Voth for Tourism; Andy Anderson for Membership; Mabel Maxim for Special events.

**December - Wow factor at Pots N Hands** - A new casual but upscale restaurant has come to Morris in the building that previously housed Charlotte's. Chef Dave Claringbould has worked in the eatery business for 13 years, training at the Culinary Institute of Canada at P.E.I. and cooking in Tofino, BC, Moncton and here in Manitoba at the Elkhorn Resort.



Chef Dave Claringbould

# Here are businesses in your neighbourhood

## An Affordable Advertising Solution

**Advertise for just \$28 per issue  
In Full Eye-Catching Colour!**

Call 746-2115 or email  
morrismirror@hotmail.com



**Mabel Maxim 712-5082**

email: mmrealty@mymts.net

www.riverbendrealty.ca



*"Understanding the needs and wants for my real estate clients"*

**"Together we can make it happen"**

### Morris Dental Centre

Monday - Thursday - 9-5  
Friday - 9 - 2

2-115 Railroad Ave. E.  
Morris, MB  
746-8726



Doing it right

From Lumber To  
Roofing Material  
and Everything  
In Between - We Sell  
It. Serving You Is  
Our Privilege

**ROSENORT**

Email: dan@ronarosenort.ca

**746-8824**

Located on the 205 just  
East of Rosenort



Regular vehicle  
maintenance including  
oil & lube ; Pre-Winter  
checkups; Vehicle Scanner;  
Vehicle Safeties; Repairs on  
Snowblowers, Lawn & Garden  
Equipment

**204-746-2684**

*Open 8am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday"*

**Low Farm Co-op Garage**

**Bruce Third**  
www.brucefirst.com



MLS  
**HERITAGE REALTY**  
158 Boyne Ave West  
Box 748  
Morris MB. R0G1K0

Cell: (204) 746-5862

Bus: (204) 746-6831

Fax: (204) 746-6519

email: bruce@brucefirst.com



### Easy Street Landscaping

Landscaping and Backhoe  
Snow Removal, brickwork,  
sodding, driveways, trenching,  
yard leveling, basements,  
sewer and water hook-ups,  
laser ditching. Certified WMS

**746-6890 or 746-0466**



**Helga Rose Hoeppner**  
Income Tax Specialist  
7-158 Boyne Ave W  
Morris MB R0G 1K0



**746-7487**

**Small Business** Fax: 746-7406  
**Personal** email: rits@mts.net  
**Farm** "Come see me for  
**E-File** Excellent Tax Service"



### Neighbour's Appliance Service

Providing Factory Authorized repairs  
for all major appliances. Call today  
to discuss your appliance problem.

**204-304-0087**

**"DON'T REPLACE IT - REPAIR IT"**

www.neighboursappliance.com



**TALBOT & ASSOCIATES**  
CORPORATION PROFESSIONNELLE & ASSOCIÉS  
PROFESSIONNELLE  
Comptable général accrédité / Certified General Accountant

#2-158 Boyne Ave  
Morris, MB R0G 1K0

Ph. (204) 746-6217

**Open every Thursday**

9:30pm to 4:00pm

www.talbotcga.ca

### MLS Buy Me Real Estate

40+ Years Experience  
Email: hometwn1@mts.net

Ph. (204) **746-2663**

Cell: (204) 746-5303



**RAY SHAW**

Heavy Equipment • Excavation  
• Snow Removal  
Land Clearing • Site Preparation •  
Lagoons • Rock • Topsoil

**Ph.: 204-746-8894**

**Fax: 204-746-2942**

Box 173, 840 Main Street South  
Morris, Manitoba R0G 1K0



**Canada One**

• TRAVEL

*For Trips That Move You*

**DOUG DEREWIANCHUK**

1365 Pembina Highway

Winnipeg, MB, Canada R3T 2B7

204-287-8228 | 1-800-668-6889



**Red River  
Physiotherapy**  
& Wellness Centre

25 Centre Avenue

St. Jean Baptiste, MB

Phone: (204) 758-3249

Email: rrphysio@mymts.net

- Physiotherapy
- Massage Therapy
- Acupuncture
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Rehab/Exercise Programs

### SUPER VARIETY

Snacks, Slush Puppies,  
Lottery, Video Rentals, Water,  
Watkins, Propane, UPS, Rug  
Doctor, Liquor Vendor, Sears

**OPEN DAILY  
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE  
Main St MORRIS**

**Visit our website  
for our e-edition  
morrismirror.com**



# Incorrect interpretation by protestors?

**Idle No More** is an ongoing protest movement originating among the Aboriginal peoples in Canada comprising the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples and their non-Aboriginal supporters in Canada, and to a lesser extent, internationally. It has consisted of a number of political actions worldwide, inspired in part by the hunger strike of Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence and further coordinated via social media. A reaction to alleged abuses of indigenous treaty rights by the current federal government, the movement takes particular issue with the recent omnibus bill Bill C-45.

After the May 2, 2011 Canadian Federal election, the federal government, led by Stephen Harper, proposed a number of omnibus bills, which introduced numerous legislative changes. While omnibus bills had been presented to parliament by previous governments, the perceived ideological nature of the changes proposed in Bill C-45 played to fears of a supposed right-wing agenda held by the Conservatives, particularly concerning the removal of the term "absolute surrender" in section 208, among others.

A number of these measures drew fire from environmentalist and First Nations groups. In particular, Bill C-45 overhauled the Navigable Waters Protection Act (NWPA) of 1882, renaming it the Navigation Protection Act (NPA).

The founders of Idle No More have outlined the vision and goals of the movement in a January 10, 2013 press release as follows: The Vision revolves around Indigenous Ways of Knowing rooted in Indigenous Sovereignty to protect water, air, land and all creation for future generations. The Conservative government bills beginning with Bill C-45 threaten Treaties and this Indigenous Vision of Sovereignty. The Goal of the movement is education and the revitalization of Indigenous peoples through Awareness and Empowerment. IDLE NO MORE has successfully encouraged knowledge sharing of Indigenous Sovereignty and Environmental Protections. The press release also states: "As a grassroots movement, clearly no political organization speaks for Idle No More". Idle No More's vision has been linked by some commentators in the press with longstanding leftist political theories of indigenise. During the protests of late 2012 and early 2013, the theoretical framework of Idle No More has been frequently articulated in the Canadian press by the founders' spokesperson, Pamela Palmater. Palmater has denounced what she perceives as the federal government's "assimilationist agenda".

Criticism of the Idle No More movement has appeared in Canada's mainstream media, which has covered related high-profile protests such as road blockades and Spence's fast. Several newspapers, such as the Calgary Herald, and The Globe and Mail, have published editorials critical of the movement or of Spence's hunger strike. The Edmonton Journal questioned Idle No More organizer Tanya Kappo's opposition to individual property rights on reserves. The Winnipeg Free Press called for a halt to Idle No More protests, and pointed to what it views as an incorrect interpretation of legislation by some protestors.

Federal Senator Patrick Brazeau spoke to media about the protests, pointing out that the demonstrations lacked focus in protesting "a whole gamut of issues"; he also indicated that democratic processes were available for participating in decision-making affecting First Nations. He critiqued Teresa Spence's tactics and claimed she should have used the "proper parliamentary process."

*Courtesy of Wikipedia*

### To clarify a few points on our Point of View.

We have many "Indian" friends who actually still prefer to be called that and therefore the word in society is still used as in Status Indian or the Indian Affairs etc... As two of our children are also Metis, we are very well aware of the challenges of First Nations People. Having been brought up in British Columbia and having been a friend of Chief Dan George, we find the Natives there much more progressive than in Manitoba or Ontario.

We apologize to those we offended in that regards however we stand by the fact that the Natives must work to get out of their situation rather than sit "Idle No More".

## Thumbs down causes an uproar

**Dear Editor,** Watch your back editor, u have First Nations living a few miles down the road...how dare u publish this shit. U sure don't mind the First Nation dollars that come through your community... Native-terrorists? U havnt seen nothing yet! how effn racist of your rag to print stuff like this, your as bad as the Winnipeg Sun.

Delmar Peters

**Dear Editor,** I was saddened and disgusted by your article regarding aboriginals. It is fair to say you have the right to express your opinions but I must say, that the reason our society hasn't progressed in regards to racism, is because of the views expressed in this article. I am aboriginal...not an Indian... Tammy Peters

**Dear Editor,** I just came across your paper. As an editor, I am pretty disgusted that you would allow both the comic and the thumbs down comment of First Nations People. How would you, as a community, feel if the Federal government decided to drill for oil right in your community. It would not be a pretty picture.. Celina Dumas

**THE BOUNDARY CREEK PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO. LTD.**

(est. 1896) operating as **Morris Mirror**

Box 694, #4-116 Main St.

Morris, Manitoba R0G1K0

Phone: (204) 746-2115

e-mail: [morrimirror@hotmail.com](mailto:morrimirror@hotmail.com) or [bctimes1@hotmail.com](mailto:bctimes1@hotmail.com)

website: [www.morrimirror.com](http://www.morrimirror.com)

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF & PUBLISHER: *Reed Turcotte*

MANAGING EDITOR & V.P. FINANCE: *Lorraine Ayotte-Turcotte*

We reserve the right to edit letters and the decision to publish or not to publish is completely at the discretion of the Editor and Publisher. All letters and commentaries must be signed and include your name, address and phone number. We will not print "name withheld" letters, or letters or commentaries that have appeared in other publications or contain personal attacks, derogatory comments, promote violence, racism or sexism. Opinions in this newspaper are not necessarily those of the advertisers and all articles are property of The Boundary Creek Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd.

Display advertising deadline:  
Thursday 11am

## Morris Mirror e-Edition

# Some of the letters to the editor received in the last few days

**Dear Editor,** I picked up your latest edition of the Morris Mirror and was appalled to find such derogatory comments in your editor section. You stated "Thumbs Down to Canada's native community and those of Manitoba who are demanding unrealistic expectations of the government and have become terrorists in their own country. Indians want it all but corruption and laziness prevent them from working for it". You also state that you will not print derogatory comments or racism. Racism is defined as "a belief or doctrine that inherent differences among the various human races determine cultural or individual achievement, usually involving the idea that one's own race is superior and has the right to rule others". Your statement makes it sound like all Natives are corrupt and lazy, which to me sounds like a racist comment. Your statement is not only incorrect, it's absurd, and I personally know countless Natives who are not corrupt or lazy. I also know a lot of non-native people who can be classified as corrupt and lazy, but do I have the right to classify the whole race as corrupt and lazy??? No, because like I said, it's absurd to make such a statement.

I would also like to state that it is not politically correct to refer to the First Nations or Natives of Canada as Indians. We are not descendants of India, Christopher Columbus did not land in India when he was lost, he landed in the United States amongst the First Nation people.

I would like to know more information about the terrorist acts you speak of. I watch the news and read the paper and have yet to hear of terrorist acts committed by the First Nations people. I can only assume you are referring to the Idle no More events, these are not organized to be terrorist attacks, they are peaceful rallies. They are to raise awareness for the effects of Bill C-45. If you were any kind of journalist you would be researching what and how Bill C-45 not only affects the Native people but the non-native people of Canada as well. You would find out that these so called lazy and corrupt individuals are fighting to protect this land and water that you claim they are terrorists of. The very land and water we all live on and drink every day.

I also question what you consider unrealistic expectations of our Canadian government. Is it unrealistic to ask for protected water and land? To have clean drinking water for our children and our children's children? I think we all want clean air to breath and clean, unpolluted water to drink. Otherwise our human race won't survive.

I also think it's unfair for the town of Morris for you to make these comments, these comments reflect on the community as a whole. I know a lot of great people in Morris and I know they don't share the same point of view as you.

As for your so called apology, don't you know it's not really an apology if you go on to try and justify your reasoning and further insult the very people you are apologizing to by saying we aren't as progressive as the BC Natives. You also stated that you understand the challenges of what First Nation people face because you have Métis children, and that you have "Indian" friends, this does not give you the right to make such ignorant remarks. I will never read your paper again and I will be informing as many as I can, the good people of Morris and area of your ignorant and un-called for opinion. Angie Prince-Smoke

### Angie

Thanks for taking the time to respond to the Morris Mirror. More people need to speak out against such ignorance and racism.

I am glad that you realise that his views don't reflect the views of the community of Morris. I am appalled that he thinks his views will be tolerated in our community. Sincerely, Gavin van der Linde Mayor of Morris

**Thank you for your comments.** You have taken the appropriate action with a letter to the editor. I look forward to seeing it published - along with an apology. Mavis Taillieu MLA Morris

**Dear Editor,** I have struggled with how best to respond to your recent publication, and have decided simply to respond as a concerned resident of the Town of Morris, MB. I want to be clear: The following views and thoughts are my own. I do not assume so much as to speak on behalf of any one else.

I would like to make you aware that I have taken the time to read both versions of your Jan. 14th edition of the Morris Mirror. While it did not say "reflecting the views of the local community" on the paper copy, it does state that prominently on your website. However, over the last number of years, I've had the great honour of getting to know many members of this community. As such, I would like you to know that these recent statements and cartoon regarding First Nations work habits and personal beliefs certainly do not reflect the views of the community as I have come to know it.

This paper contained, in my view, inappropriate comments directed toward all people of First Nations heritage. The comments that were printed are clearly stereotypical, and painting one race with such a broad brush is seen in my eyes as no less than racist, prejudiced, and unacceptable in today's society.

Heritage is something to be respected, to be proud of, and the people across this great country have worked hard to gain a long held, world-wide reputation of respect for others, regardless of race, colour, heritage, or faith.

An actual apology would be a good start, as I'm sure people would appreciate that, not the least of which would likely be those who advertise in your publication.

In conclusion, I want you to know that I strongly oppose the narrow-minded views you have printed under the guise that you are "reflecting the views of the local community." In my personal opinion, you most certainly are not. Sincerely, Mike Hinchey



## **More letters to the editor received in the last few**

**Dear Editor,** Now you continue to stereotype many First Nations people. What is it going to take. I still find some of the comments derogatory and unwelcomed!! Let me restate - IDLE NO MORE is a way for voices to be heard! "Idle No More" means that We as First Nations are protecting or rivers, lakes, and environment. It has nothing to do with being "lazy" as many of you assume!! C. Dumas

**Dear Editor,** Wow, I cannot believe this paper and your level of stupidity. I will no longer waste my time dealing with you as I am in the process of filing a complaint on the obvious racist propaganda your paper writes. Give your head a shake, I can bet individuals who advertise in your paper don't support your racist views. I have also contacted your Mayor and Member of Parliament. Hilda Anderson

**Dear Editor,** Your point of view on the words that were used in thumbs down promotes racism. .Our community of Roseau River, situated 20 miles south does business in the town of Morris. You are saying all Anishinabe people are all corrupt and lazy, are you saying that are other races are not, including caucasian.

Come on, open up your eyes and research why natives are starting to speak out against the government after 100's of years of oppression. There are many Anishinabe people that are famous, that have employment , that have education and have political backgrounds. It states in your own paper in the box under the articles ""We will not print names...or letters etc....or contain personal attacks, derogatory comments, promote violence, racism, or sexism" These comments are racist...and you do not follow your own criteria for publishing comments . There are many Anishinabe people in the community of Roseau River that are professionals which include teachers, nurses, Early Childhood Educators , Social Workers and policemen. And one more thing....we are not "Indians" , we are Anishinabe peoples. Joanne Littlejohn

*A thank you goes out to all that emailed us and phoned us with informative comments. We especially enjoyed the conversation with the Leaders of the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nations. We of course meant no harm and hopefully the above opposing views sets the record straight. We will have more in our next issue.*